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Chris Sprowls Speaker

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House Speaker Chris Sprowls Appoints Representative Matt Willhite to Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (December 17, 2020) — Today, Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls appointed Representative Matt Willhite to the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee.

"Representative Matt Willhite is just the person Florida needs on the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee because he is a strong advocate for positioning our state as a leader in the fight against this insidious disease," said Speaker Sprowls. "I am confident that Representative Willhite will represent the Florida House and Floridians well on this committee."

Representative Willhite <u>said</u>, "Thank you, Speaker Sprowls, for this honor. Our work is not done on Alzheimer's until a cure is found."

The Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee is a 15-member body that advises the Department of Elder Affairs regarding legislative, programmatic and administrative matters relating to Alzheimer's victims and their caregivers. Each year the Advisory Committee holds quarterly meetings.

Earlier this year, Representative Willhite received the National Citizen Scientist Collaborator Award from the Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation for his advocacy "in search for a cure in every part of his life." He was named a Legislative Champion by the Alzheimer's Association and sponsored bipartisan legislation creating the position of Dementia Director and the Office of Alzheimer's Disease in the Office of Elder Affairs.

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